

I don't believe these changes in ownership rules are in the best interest of the citizens of this country, who, after all, own the airwaves, and simply lease them, at practically firesale rates, to the owners of media companies. I don't believe it's in the interest of U.S. citizens who read newspapers, who watch local news, who listen to local radio. It doesn't foster the local interests that are one of the mandates of the FCC, as I understand it. I believe, rather, that it's in the interests of the giant media conglomerates, who contribute so much cash to the political system. The notion that these new proposals will foster competition is ludicrous. They'll help a few big companies get bigger, and help them eliminate the competitors who can't manage to gobble up the little guys quite as quickly, and so, instead, will end up being gobbled. This is not about helping the Davids, it's about beefing up the Goliaths, and I think it's wrong-headed from the get-go.

Respectfully,

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